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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW SECURITY POSITIONS

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1. WHILE WE FULLY SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE SECURITY FACILITIES IN THE REGION, EMBASSY NEW DELHI IS RELUCTANT TO ADD ANOTHER TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER TO ITS REGIONAL STAFF.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT OUR POLITICAL STANCE VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IS BEST SUPPORTED BY MAINTAINING A MINIMUM AMERICAN PRESENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE EMBASSY HAS DISCOURAGED THE BUILD UP OF REGIONAL STAFFS IN NEW DELHI.
WE HAVE WELCOMED PRESENCE OF COMPETENT SECURITY OFFICERS BUT NOTE THAT OF RECENT YEARS THE SECURITY STAFF HAS INCREASED SO THAT IT MAY SERVE THE NEEDS OF OTHER POSTS IN THE REGION.

3. WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TO EXAMINE WHETHER THERE IS SOME OTHER WAY IN WHICH SECURITY NEEDS CAN BE MET WITHOUT FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THE DELHI STAFF.
WE NOTE THAT THE INSPECTION OF NEW DELHI WHICH HAS JUST BEEN CONCLUDED STRONGLY RECOMMENDS A REVIEW OF USG STAFFING WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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